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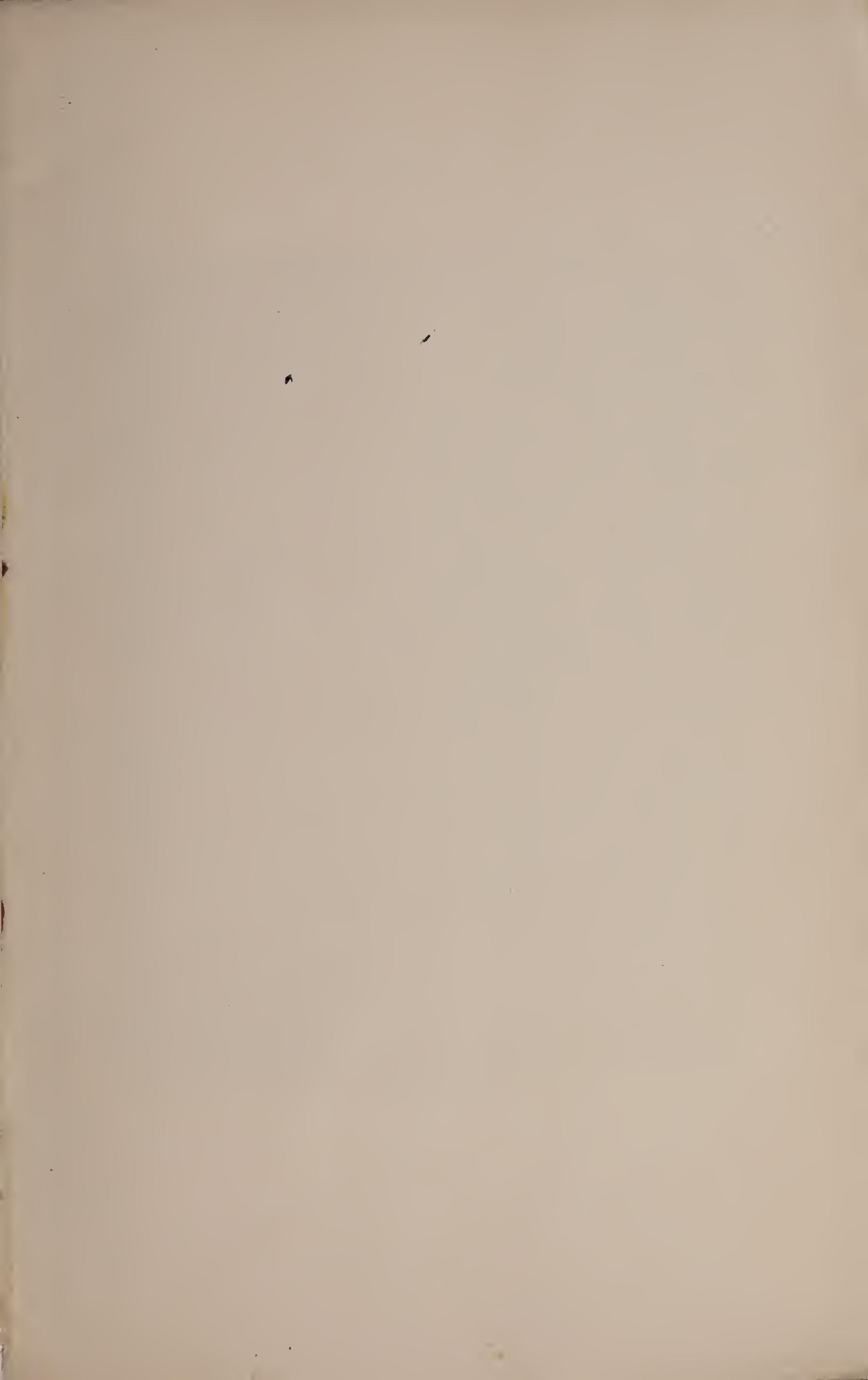
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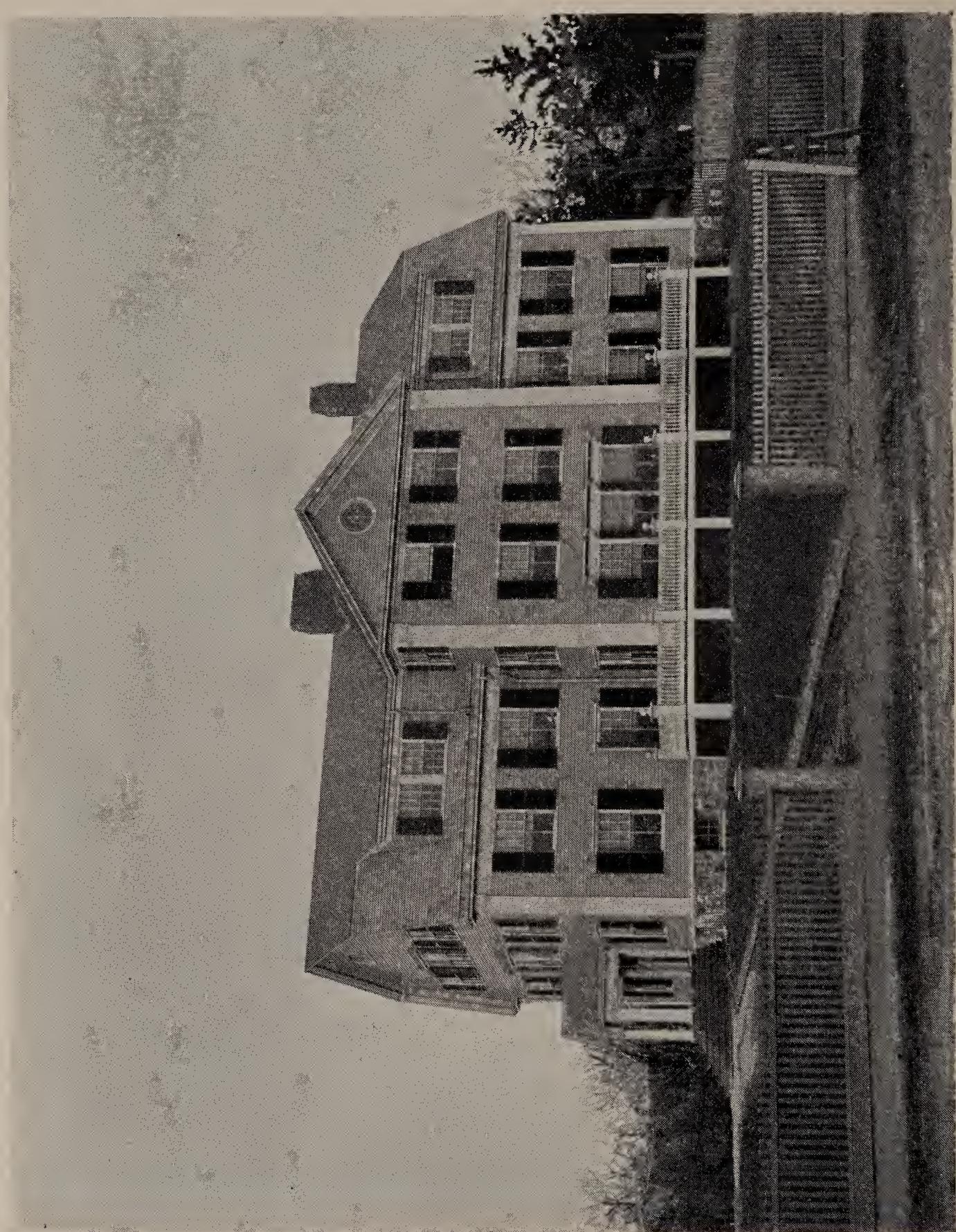
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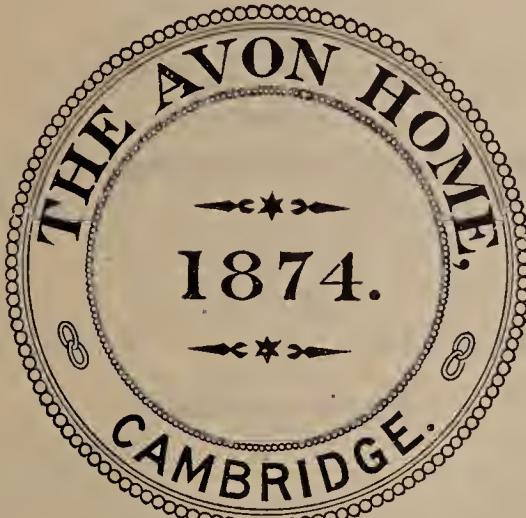




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309 MT. AUBURN STREET.

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Dec. 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	Dec. 15. MISS McCALLAR.
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Oct. 1. MRS. SHAW.	Oct. 15. MRS. BENNETT.
Nov. 1. MRS. SHEFFIELD.	Nov. 15. MRS. BROOKS.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE AVON HOME.

MORE than thirty years have passed since the Avon Home first opened its doors to "children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge," and during that period — nearly a generation — 439 children have been cared for.

Sixteen children have left the Home during the year, of whom ten have returned to their parents; four are to be brought up by other relatives who have large families of their own. Two children have been boarded at the expense of the Home, making six now in private families under our supervision. This way of extending the usefulness of our work, which was mentioned last year, is, on the whole, so satisfactory that it will undoubtedly be used more and more. Since 1 March 41 applications have been received, of which 29 were for children under five years of age. Only fourteen children could be admitted out of the large number who applied; the accommodations for babies and very young children are now so limited that the Trustees may decide this year to set aside another room and employ an extra attendant for children under four years of age.

A new matron, Mrs. E. F. Dupee, was engaged in February, and there has been a marked improvement in the care of the house and of the children since that time. We are glad to record that no serious illness has occurred.

During the year we have learned of two legacies: one thousand dollars from James A. Woolson, and two hundred dollars from Miss Jane Chapman. A gift of five hundred dollars has been received from Mr. Andrew McFarland Davis, to be called "The Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund," and from Miss E. S. Bulfinch fifty dollars at the request, and in memory of her mother, Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch. The Avon Home, as residuary legatee, has also received six hundred and fifty-eight dollars from the estate of A. R. Dearborn of Seattle, Washington. From the May Sale this year nearly nine hundred dollars was realized. The Permanent Fund has been placed in charge of a committee of three Trustees, thus relieving the Treasurer of much care and responsibility.

The children have made excursions to Lexington Park, Norumbega Park, Revere Beach, Waverley Oaks (twice), and, through the kindness of General William A. Bancroft, they went by special car to City Point. They were also invited to a Christmas Tree at Miss Roberts' Kindergarten, and were entertained in June by the Sunday School of the Third Universalist Society. The Avon Club has kept up its interest in the Home, and has also continued to provide the entire support of one boy. A ladder for climbing, a swing, and teeter boards for the children have been set up in the playground. Many gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and for other times and seasons must be gratefully acknowledged; they will be mentioned at length elsewhere in this report.

It is gratifying to hear from time to time that children whom we have cared for have become upright and successful men and women; some have been well married, some are teachers, one is a trained nurse, another is a typewriter, a third is a printer.

While we are grateful for every addition to the Permanent Fund, let no one imagine that the need for annual gifts of money, food, and clothing no longer exists. The daily food and clothing still have to be provided, and the larger expenses for the repairs of the house and the renewal of the furniture have to be met, while the board of the children in private families greatly increases the cost of maintenance.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, *President.*

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	.\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Ridge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Phillip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
Sale of Concord Farm, the gift of James Huntington	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane	1,000.00
On account of Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf	2,800.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow	500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund	\$10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00
In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	658.00
	<u>\$137,060.05</u>

1903, Nov. 2.	By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home:—	1904, Nov. 8.
Balance, Cash on hand from old account	\$ 224.50	
Held for Investment	950.23	
To Cash from year ending November 8, 1904:—	<u>1,174.73</u>	
Thanksgiving Collection at Pilgrim Church	\$ 3.90	
Thanksgiving Collection from Cambridgeport		
Churches north of Main Street	5.00	
Saint John's Memorial Chapel	100.00	
Avon Club Sale at 49 Linnaean Street, the proceeds to be used for payment of board	210.30	
Fair by J. O. S. Club, No. 170	40.00	
Prospect Street Church	8.67	
University Press	10.00	
Christ Church Sunday School	5.00	
First Church Congregational Sunday School	14.00	
" No Name " Club	10.00	
Admr. of A. R. Dearborn	65.60	
Individual Donations	261.00	
Annual Subscriptions	664.50	
Board	375.00	
General Income	5,150.59	
May Sale	890.73	
Lucy E. Paine Fund	10,000.00	
Andrew McFarland Davis, in memory of his wife, Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis.	500.00	
On account of legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow		
Greenleaf	2,000.00	
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00	
Miss E. S. Bulfinch, in memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00	
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00	
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	658.00	
Two Charles River Bonds matured	1,500.00	
Emergency Fund withdrawn from Savings Bank		
Piano Fund with interest, withdrawn from Savings Bank	500.00	
Drawn from Savings Bank on account of H. M. S. Fund	16.47	
Balance of H. M. S. Fund with interest	<u>13.75</u>	
		<u>25,752.51</u>
		<u>24.68</u>
		<u><u>\$26,951.92</u></u>
		CAMBRIDGE, November 10, 1904.
		We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct, with vouchers for all payments.
		SANFORD B. HUBBARD, { <i>Auditors.</i>
		WM. W. DALLINGER, }

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 8, 1904.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	\$5.00	Miss Frances Gray	\$1.00
Mrs. D. G. Alden	1.00	Miss E. W. Green	2.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00	Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00	Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	15.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00	Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	2.00	Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	2.00
Mrs. C. A. Batchelder	1.00	Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Miss Maude Batchelder	1.00	Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Mrs. G. W. Beaman	2.00	Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Mrs. A. D. S. Bell	3.00	Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00	Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Mrs. S. A. Brooks	5.00	Mrs. R. T. Howes	2.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00	Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
J. G. Brown	5.00	R. J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00	Mrs. M. E. Hyde	1.00
Miss E. S. Bulfinch	1.00	Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch	1.00	B. M. Jones	5.00
Miss E. C. Bullard	3.00	Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. F. J. Bumstead	5.00	Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
Mrs. W. S. Burke	2.50	Mrs. Atherton Loring	2.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00	Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Mrs. N. Chamberlain	1.00	Miss Velma Morse	5.00
Mrs. D. U. Chamberlin	5.00	Miss Maria Murdock	10.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	2.00	Mrs. N. C. Nash	5.00
Miss J. E. Chapman	1.00	Mrs. W. H. Neal	2.00
C. C. Clarke, Shanghai	25.00	Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	10.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00	Mrs. Frederic Odiorne	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Cook	3.00	Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00	Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
A. McF. Davis	15.00	Mrs. F. Perrin	2.00
Mrs. Wm. M. Davis	10.00	Miss F. W. Pike	1.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens	5.00	Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00	Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00	Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00	C. C. Read	5.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	3.00	Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00	William Read	5.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00	Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00	Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00	Mrs. J. L. Ross	20.00
Mrs. G. R. Farrell	1.00	Mrs. Wm. E. Russell	5.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00	Miss C. H. Saunders	2.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	10.00	Mrs. H. M. Saville	3.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00	Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	2.00	Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00	Mrs. M. C. Shaw	2.00
Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00	Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00	Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00	Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00

Mrs. Chauncey Smith	\$5.00	A. S. Waitt	\$5.00
R. L. Snow	5.00	Mrs. A. J. Wallace	2.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00	Mrs. A. C. Wellington	2.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00	Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. W. F. Stark	2.00	Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
Misses E. W. and H. I. Storer .	10.00	Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00	C. J. White	20.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00	Miss Maria Whitney	5.00
Mrs. C. H. Taft	1.00	Mrs. Davies Wilson	1.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	5.00	Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00	Dr. Walter Woodman	5.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	3.00	Mrs. Walter Woodman	5.00
Benjamin Vaughan	30.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00
F. W. Vaughan	5.00	Miss M. C. Wyman	5.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	\$20.00	W. H. Neal	\$5.00
Miss M. E. Blatchford	10.00	Capt. Carl F. Palfrey, in mem- ory of Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	
F. R. C.	10.00	and of Miss Palfrey	10.00
Miss E. C. Campbell	5.00	Misses Peabody	50.00
C. T. Carruth	25.00	W. T. Piper	25.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	10.00	Warren Sanger	5.00
Mrs. M. S. Crosby	5.00	Miss Mary Woodman	5.00
Mrs. S. M. Elder	1.00	Mrs. Henry Woods	5.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00	Misses Wyman	5.00
C. G. Green	10.00		
G. F. Kendall	5.00		

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 8 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 8, 1904.

Two quarts of milk, daily, from the Oak Grove Creamery Co.; "Dumb Animals," for the year, from the Publishers; and "Youth's Companion," for the year, from Miss Holland; Cassell's "Little Folks," for the year from Miss Parker.

1903. November. Mrs. William M. Brown, doll; Emmanuel Baptist Church, three baskets of fruit; "F. E. N. A. W." two flannelette night-gowns; Dr. John Dixwell, box of roses; Mrs. A. M. Howe, trunk full of sewing materials and unmade garments; Mrs. Davis, package of children's papers; "Bee" Sewing Circle, five flannel blouses, one flannelette blouse, two pairs of flannel drawers, five gingham aprons; Miss M. Woodman, two barrels of apples; Mrs. G. L. Merrill, basket of pears; Needlework Guild (Boston Branch), one sweater, six pairs of stockings, two handkerchiefs, two pairs of gloves, four flannel skirts, four pairs of muslin drawers, two blouses, two underskirts, two underdrawers, two union suits, two cotton flannel skirts; Mrs. R. B. Storer, two turkeys; Miss Tower, two bags of apples; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, one bag of nuts, two boxes of candy, two bags of candy, one bag of dates, one turkey; St. John's Church, one chicken, sweet potatoes, oranges, apples, two pies, two bags of candy; W. A. Hayes, one turkey; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one turkey; Mrs. W. B. Durant, one turkey; Mrs. B. Vaughan, \$2.00 for Thanksgiving; "A Friend," a cake, frosted; Miss Woodman, two baskets of pears; Miss Murdock, one turkey; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, piece of statuary; Mrs. W. Woodman, two sets cotton underflannels, one woollen petticoat, one knit petticoat; Mrs. W. B. Durant, one beaver felt hat; Mrs. H. A. Saunders, two cotton dresses.

December. Miss Howard, picture cards and reins; "The Club," three pairs of cotton drawers, one pair of flannel drawers, two aprons, two cotton night-gowns; "A Friend," a woollen dress, two cotton shirt-waists; Miss Tower, four dozen oranges; "A Sewing Club," four pairs of worsted slippers; Miss Roberts, books and toys; Miss M. H. Deane, three pictures; J. H. Wyeth, mixed nuts, Christmas candy, one box of raisins, one box of figs; Mrs. W. B. Durant, ice-cream; Professor Davis, large box of oranges; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, figs, dates, candy, and pop-corn; "Journal Look-Out Club," pop-corn balls; Conant & Stockwell, three turkeys; Mrs. S. H. Swan, barrel of apples; J. H. Corcoran, large box of toys; Mrs. C. T. Smith, doll, puzzle; Miss Sheffield, Christmas cake; Mrs. J. Fox, oranges; Mrs. S. A. Brooks, candy canes, cornucopias, balls; Mrs. A. M. Howe, large Christmas cake; Miss M. Woodman, ball, guimpe, two boxes of handkerchiefs, string of beads; Miss Mann, game; Mrs. Edgar Crocker, baby's bonnet, night-gown, three bands, three silk shirts, one woollen shirt, a boy's jacket, a flannel petticoat, six hats; "The Club," cotton waists.

1904. January. "A Sewing Circle," twenty bibs, four waists, one pillow-case, two roller towels, seven crash towels, eight glass towels, one white apron; "Basket Club," seven dresses, four woollen, three outing flannel; Mrs. W. G. Thompson, one pair knit overdrawers, dolls, pictures, toys.

February. Mrs. E. B. Koehler, scrap-book, picture-book, dishes, dolls, toys, pencils, pens, ribbons, a petticoat, apron, pair of rubbers; "Basket Club," three flannel petticoats; New Church Ladies' Aid Society, twenty-five cotton waists; Mrs. S. M. Gozzaldi, pineapple sherbet; "The Club," two out-

ing flannel night-dresses, two flannel waists, one apron, one pair of drawers ; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, two woollen blouses, one coat, three blouse shields, two caps ; "A Friend," eighteen valentines ; Mrs. C. S. Roberts, flowers ; "The Club," five cotton flannel night-dresses ; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, magazines and toys.

March. Mrs. J. W. Taylor, magazines ; Mrs. N. Folsom, doll, doll-carriage, child's waist ; Shepard Memorial Church, fifty bibs ; Ladies' Aid, North Avenue Baptist Church, forty-three bibs ; "Just-So Club," eleven bibs ; "The Club," four blouses, four waists, three night-gowns, two aprons, one pair of drawers ; Mrs. A. S. Taylor, book, pictures ; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, one pair of rubbers, one doll, one waist, books, games, papers ; Mrs. R. N. Toppin, four games ; "No Name" Club, eight blouses ; Mrs. N. Folsom, clock.

April. Primary Department, Shepard Sunday School, Easter lily ; Mrs. W. H. Dunbar, orange sherbet ; Mrs. W. Deane, two capes, one jacket, one basque, one flannel skirt, set of furs ; Miss McIntosh, six outing flannel skirts, three outing flannel night-gowns, three cotton blouses, six aprons ; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, three outing flannel skirts, four cotton blouses, one cotton dress, one woollen dress, two aprons ; "Basket Club," eight cotton dresses ; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, six outing flannel night-dresses, two pairs of drawers, five infant's dresses, nine cotton dresses, ten aprons, four cotton blouses ; Mrs. S. H. Swan, cotton blouses and trousers ; "A Friend," St. Nicholas and Youth's Companion for one year ; "The Club," two outing sailor suits, six gingham dresses, two pairs of drawers, two aprons, one petticoat, one sack, one blouse, one outing night-gown.

May. "The Guild," two flannel petticoats ; Mrs. E. Crocker, four cotton suits, four pairs of cotton trousers, one infant's sack ; "The Club," six cotton dresses, two aprons, three blouses, one outing flannel night-gown, one infant's sack, three outing flannel skirts, one pair of cotton drawers ; Mrs. J. C. Fisk, toys and books ; Mrs. Carey, books and toys ; Miss C. A. Taggard, four aprons, four outing flannel skirts ; Mrs. Wallace, cheese cloth puff ; Mrs. Merrill, box of oranges ; Mrs. J. B. Williams, box of toys ; W. H. Learned & Sons, Boston, five cans of maple syrup ; Mrs. H. N. Tilton, phonograph ; Mrs. George Goodspeed, one hat and coat ; Mrs. John Read, milk ; Mrs. Kuno Francke, four suits, one overcoat, three waists ; "F. E. N. A. W." Sewing Society, five outing flannel night-gowns, four small skirts.

June. Mrs. R. B. Storer, ten boxes of strawberries ; "A Friend," books, toys, a dress, a hat, three suits of summer underwear ; Mr. Keith, flowers ; Mrs. T. Walsh, one girl's hat, three dresses, a skirt ; "The Hive," fifteen aprons, six dresses ; Mrs. W. W. Goodwin, game ; Volunteer Mission Band, six pounds of candy ; Mrs. Wentworth, one outing skirt, three waists ; Mrs. T. B. Gannett, a child's desk and chair ; Mrs. J. E. Hoffman, four pairs of low shoes, one pair of slippers, one pair of overshoes, two hats, three dresses, one apron, one pair of bed slippers ; Merrill School, three loaves of cake ; Miss Osgood, flowers ; "The Sewing Club Guild," thirty aprons, a dress, twenty-eight night-gowns, a skirt ; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, a shirt-waist, three blouses, three hats, four dresses, two guimpes ; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, four pairs of hose, a hat, a bib, a skirt, two waists, two pairs of garters, pencils, games ; "No Name" Club, seven outing flannel blouses, three skirts.

August. Mrs. N. Folsom, basket of toys ; Mrs. C. S. King, a dress, three blouses, a suit, a pair of shoes ; "The Club," three blouses for boys, two aprons.

September. Mrs. W. B. Wood, four outing flannel skirts, a dress; Miss Helen McCay, basket of grapes; Sewing Branch of Alliance, Austin Street Unitarian Church, making of two dozen pairs of drawers; Mrs. Frank Slade, basket of pears; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, two barrels of apples; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, magazines; Mrs. C. W. H. Moulton, barrel of apples; Mrs. J. Read, basket of peaches; Mrs. C. H. Ward, box of books; Miss Grey, toys and games; Mr. W. T. Piper, box of tennis balls.

October. Mr. S. C. Chandler, books; "No Address," doll, \$.25; Miss A. E. Tower, basket of grapes; Miss M. L. Jones, fancy boxes; Infant Class of St. Agnes Guild, St. Peter's Church, thirty bibs; Miss Ethel D. Abbot, four scrap-books; Mrs. Spelman, thirteen hoods; Miss Wilson, fire screen; A Well-wisher of St. John's Memorial Parish, basket of sweet potatoes, Miss Katie Paine, barrel of apples; Mrs. Holman, building blocks, magazines; Mrs. G. E. Goodspeed, a woollen blouse, a pair of shoes, a cap; Mrs. R. B. Storer, two baskets of peaches; Mrs. William Read, basket of pears; Mrs. A. M. Howe, barrel of apples; Mrs. John Read, milk and apples; Miss Jones, \$.75 for children's use Sunday; Mrs. Wallace, \$1.00 for children's use Sunday; *Boston Post*, Bundle of Sunday papers; Mr. Morrill Wyman, bushel of pears; Mrs. T. S. Hittinger, flowers.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

ARTICLE I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "THE AVON HOME." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall

report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents ; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows : —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars ; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the

Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XI. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

XII. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of the Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Cambridge Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of the said Committee.

